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# THINK FOOD

## School Nutrition Programs

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### TURKEY SHORTAGE

The USDA reports that turkey prices through the first half of this year are higher than last year. Quantities offered are down and rising prices resulted in an even lower quantity of turkey being purchased.

The USDA has asked that Turkey Roast orders be reduced by 40 percent for the school year and suggests that delays should be expected. Delivery of Turkey Deli products may also be delayed until after the holidays.

We had one truckload (1000 cases) of Turkey Roasts ordered to be delivered on Shipment #4 and one-half truckload (500 cases) to be delivered on Shipment #6. The 500 cases on Shipment #6 have been canceled. At this time we are still on schedule for the 1000 cases of Turkey Roasts on Shipment #4.

Replacements for the Turkey Roasts and the Turkey Breast Deli on Shipment #6 will probably be Pork Roasts and Chicken Pattie Tenders from Shipment #8. As soon as we have an updated Shipment Schedule we will put it on our Web site.

The USDA has offered several products as replacement for the Turkey Roasts. The ABC Committee decided to purchase Chicken Fajita Strips. The Turkey Roasts will be replaced case for case with the Fajita Strips.



### FRUIT AND NUT MIX ORDERS DUE

An order form for Fruit and Nut Mix (Trail Mix) was included with your orders that were either picked up by you at conference or were mailed to you in the back-to-school packet. Your Trail Mix order is due September 15, to be shipped on Shipment #3.

*"It is the mission of the Office of Public Instruction to improve teaching and learning through communication, collaboration, advocacy, and accountability to those we serve."*

### SHIPMENT CORRECTION

Low fat Baking Mix was listed on Shipment #2 in error. It should have read Peas, Frz.

### FOODSERVICE MANAGER REGIONAL TRAINING REGISTRATION

This year the trainings are being offered in Billings, Great Falls and Missoula. Dates and times along with the registration forms were included in the Foodservice Manager Fall Mailing packet and can also be found on the School Nutrition portion of the OPI Web site. The training is free but registration is required. Deadline for registering is October 16, 2006.



### LET'S EAT AT SCHOOL

Let's Eat at School – Ten Tips for Keeping Teenagers Participating in School Nutrition Programs is available on the School Nutrition Web site. This brochure created by Team Nutrition contains Strategies for Success at meeting customer's needs along with words of advice from Montana's School Foodservice Peer Educators. Check it out today!

### SCHOOL FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION REMINDER

Schools are now required to obtain at least two food safety inspections each school year. The inspections must be conducted by a state or local government agency responsible for food safety

inspections. In addition, schools must post, in a publicly visible location, a report on the most recent food safety inspection, and provide a copy of the food safety inspection to a member of the public upon request.



State agencies are required to annually submit a report on the food safety inspections to the USDA. Be sure to complete and return the form that was included in the Foodservice Manager Fall Mailing packet. The deadline for completing and returning the form to OPI is September 30, 2006. If you have questions please call School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501.

### NEW NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

*In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-9564 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

Nondiscrimination posters have not yet been updated with the new statement. Be sure to display the old poster until the new one arrives.

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DATE: August 21, 2006

TO: School Food Authority Administrators and Foodservice Managers

FROM: Christine Emerson, Director

SUBJECT: Quantity Recipes for Schools

The new *U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Recipes for Schools* were distributed to school districts and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) in summer 2006. Schools may order additional copies for all their schools.

The new recipe publication consists of two components: a hard-cover and wire-o-bound printed book (approximately 68 pages) and a CD-ROM containing the recipe files. The printed booklet discusses how to use and adjust the recipes, includes nutrient information, and contains many reference charts helpful for foodservice operations. The CD-ROM contains the recipe files listed alphabetically by recipe name, by recipe number, and by recipe category. The new recipes are also available online at the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) website: [www.nfsmi.org](http://www.nfsmi.org).

Effective July 1, 2006, schools using previous versions of quantity recipes for schools published by the USDA or the NFSMI must now use the new *USDA Recipes for Schools* for meeting meal requirements for Federal reimbursement. Please be sure your schools are aware of these changes and that they are using the up-to-date recipes. All previous versions of quantity recipes for schools published by the USDA or the NFSMI are obsolete, and should not be used.

If your school district or RCCI did not receive a copy of the publication, you may order a copy from the National Food Service Management Institute. Please submit all orders to **[TN.Orders@fns.usda.gov](mailto:TN.Orders@fns.usda.gov)**. Orders will be filled in the order they are received once copies arrive from the printer.

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